AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, amend the paragraph spanning pages 1 and 2 to read:

Such apparatus for irrotationally locking motor-vehicle steering shafts are known (German publication 1,780,563; British publication 2,298,229 A; German patent 196 53 860 C1). The control element driving the locking bolt in these devices is a control cam pivotable to-and-fro about an axis perpendicular to the locking bolt's longitudinal axis, the control cam co-operating through an eccentric with the locking bolt and being driven by a key-actuated locking cylinder coaxial with the control cam's pivot axis (German publication 1,780,563; British publication 2,298,229 A) or by a reversible electric motor (German patent 196 53 860 C1). The securing element fixing the locking bolt in its locked position against unauthorized displacement into its release position, so that the motor-vehicle steering shaft may be rotated, is constituted by a single-arm lever which is pivotably supported at one ~~said~~ end about an axis extending parallel to the locking bolt's longitudinal axis (German publication 1,780,563 Figs. 1 through 6) or an axis parallel to the pivot axis of the control cam (British publication 2,298,229 A; German patent 196 53 860 C1) while being spring loaded in order to enter at its other end the lateral recess of the locking bolt, and comprising between its two ends a lateral arm resting against the control cam in order to be pivoted against the spring load out of the locking bolt's recess when the control cam is pivoted to drive the locking bolt out of the locked position into the release position.

Page 3, amend the last paragraph to read:

The object of the present invention is to provide an apparatus of the above-stated kind which, in simple manner and for a special arrangement of the control element with respect to the locking bolt, always assures reliably fixing of the locking bolt in its locked position so that the locking bolt cannot be moved out of said locked position either by bumps or by means of a magnet or in other ways without authorization, and which, further allows to prevent in a simple manner to release the fixing ~~release~~ of the locking bolt in its locked position by unauthorized removal of the sealing lid of an assembly aperture in the housing.

Page 6, amend the second-to-the-last paragraph to read:

Fig. 18 is a perspective view corresponding to that ~~view~~ of Fig. 8 with the housing assembly aperture lid raised.

Page 7, amend the second paragraph to read:

A to-and-fro rotatable control element 14, itself driven by a reversible electric motor 13, serves to axially drive the locking bolt 2 in a direction indicated by the arrow F in Figs. 5, 6 into the release position and to axially drive the locking bolt 2 in the opposite direction indicated by the arrow S in Figs. 10, 11 into the locked position. The control element 14 is arranged substantially coaxially with the locking bolt 2, which it surrounds, and the control element 14 is supported in the housing 6 so as to be rotatable about an axis 15 which is parallel to the longitudinal axis 7 of the locking bolt 2 between an annular surface 16 of the housing 6 which is coaxial with said axis 15 and a ring of inner projections 17 carried by the sealing lid 9 of the assembly aperture 10 of the housing 6 and [[6]] arranged coaxially with said axis 15. The control element 14 is formed as a tubular worm gear with outer teeth 18 engaged by a worm 19 affixed to the output shaft 20 of the electric motor 13 as indicated in Fig. 2.

Page 9, amend the paragraph spanning pages 9 and 10 to read:

As shown in Figs. 3, 8, 18, the securing pin 30 is supported in an axially displaceable manner in a channel 37 of a guide element 38 fixed to the housing 6, the associated helical compression spring ~~ring~~ 32 resting at one end in a blind hole 40 in that end 39 of the securing pin 30 which is located away from the locking bolt 2 and at its other end against a tab 41 of the guide element 38 (Fig. 8), the associated sensing element 34 being mounted parallel to the securing pin 30 and comprising on one side a projecting lateral arm 42 and on the other side a groove 43. By means of the lateral arm 42, the sensor element 34 spans the securing pin 30 on the side away from the guide element 38 while passing behind and engaging a lateral protrusion 44 of the securing pin 30 which is located at the end 39 of the securing pin 30 on the side away from said sensing element 34. The groove 43 of the sensing element 34 runs parallel to the securing pin 30 and is arranged to receive a lateral tab 45 of an inner arm 46 -- which runs parallel to the locking bolt 2 -- of the sealing lid 9 of the assembly aperture 10 of the housing 6.